

### New Specialists



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#### 1. Mr Michael Armstrong – Orthopaedic Surgeon

Michael is an orthopedic surgeon specialising in hip and knee replacement surgery and revision arthroplasty. Public hospital appointments include Box Hill Hospital.

**Phone: 9898 4216**

#### 2. Dr George Kalogerakis – Endocrinologist and General Physician

George's expertise is in Type 1 Diabetes including insulin pump therapy, Type 2 Diabetes and PCOS. He also has broad experience in gestational diabetes, pituitary/adrenal disease and metabolic bone disease. Public appointments include St Vincent's Hospital and Box Hill Hospital.

**Phone: 9896 5900**

#### 3. Dr Ross Balson – Gastroenterologist

Ross has a special interest in advanced endoscopic procedures including EUS (endoscopic ultrasound), endoscopic mucosal resection of early GI cancer, dysplastic lesions and large colonic polyps. He is also interested in pancreatic diseases and gastroscopy and colonoscopy. Ross also provides general services including IBS, IBD, coeliac disease and hepatitis B treatment.

**Phone: 9898 8300**

#### 4. Mr Joseph Thomas – Urologist

Mr Thomas specialises in all aspects of kidney stone treatment, laparoscopic urological surgery, urological cancers and general urology. Public hospital appointments include Box Hill Hospital.

**Phone: 9890 7222**

#### 5. Mr Dean White – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon

Dean specialises in skin cancer, face (face and neck lift, rhinoplasty and blepharoplasty), breast surgery (breast reduction, lift and augmentation) and body (abdominoplasty and liposuction). Public hospital appointments include Royal Melbourne Hospital and Box Hill Hospital.

**Phone: 9895 7630**

#### 6. Dr Michael Wong – Neurosurgeon

Michael is a Neurosurgeon specialising in spinal surgery and brain tumours. Public hospital appointments include Royal Melbourne Hospital and Western Hospital.

**Phone: 9821 5718**

### New Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) service at Epworth Eastern

Dr Ross Balson, Gastroenterologist, is pleased to announce the establishment of an Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) service at Epworth Eastern, which is a day procedure.

#### EUS can be used for:

- Characterising submucosal lesions seen at upper GI Endoscopy including GIST, lipoma, leiomyoma, oesophageal varices, thickened gastric folds, MALT and linitis plastica
- Staging oesophageal and gastric cancers

- Assessing resectability of pancreatic cancer
- Assessment of chronic pancreatitis and recurrent acute pancreatitis
- Performing FNA of pancreatic cancers and posterior mediastinal masses
- Localisation of biochemically proven neuroendocrine tumours
- Staging of Non Small Cell Lung Cancer
- Assessment of gallbladder for stones, crystals, and sludge and CBD for stones

### Upcoming Events CPD Meetings

**Tuesday 24 August 2010, 6.45pm**

**Topic:** Orthopaedics GP MasterClass including a case study presentation and an update on new developments in orthopaedics  
**Venue:** Centonove Restaurant, Kew

**Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August 2010  
Epworth HealthCare GP CPD Conference**

**Topics:** Screening and detection of cancer, common problems in general practice, women's health, cardiology case discussions, men's health, caring for the elderly patient, orthopaedics and emergency medicine (including accredited CPR)  
**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Torquay

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